

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 7499

A CHARTER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.04 ENTITLED “CITY GOVERNMENT” AND SPECIFICALLY TO CREATE SECTION 2.04.055 ENTITLED “COMMITTEE REMOTE ATTENDANCE” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That section 2.04.055 entitled “Committee Remote Attendance” is hereby created as follows:

2.04.055 Committee Remote Attendance. A. Except as otherwise specifically provided by the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire, all boards, commissions, committees under s. 2.04.050 shall comply with the requirements of this ordinance and shall for purposes of this ordinance be referred to collectively as a “committee” of the City.

B. Any committee desiring to hold meetings that permit either committee members or the public to attend by remote or virtual means other than physical presence shall first consider such issue at a meeting and adopt a standing rule permitting the practice. Any such committee standing rules shall be in writing and filed with the City Clerk.

C. Any committee chairperson considering holding an upcoming meeting remotely shall notify the City Clerk and the committee staff liaison at least 72 (seventy-two) hours prior to the respective meeting of the request. Only if equipment and technical support capable of allowing full participation for members and the public is available and proper notice under Wisconsin Open Meetings Law is provided, shall the meeting to be held remotely.

D. In order to vote and count for quorum, Committee members participating remotely shall remain on screen with video on if participating by video or remain clearly audible if participating by audio.

E. Except during a declared emergency, remote attendance is not permitted by a committee acting in a quasi-judicial function, convening in closed session, or where in-person attendance is necessary to fully participate in the proceedings.

F. No committee member shall be allowed to vote by proxy.

G. No committee member shall text, message, or otherwise communicate with another member during a meeting except in a manner that all members and the public receive contemporaneously consistent with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

SECTION 2. That this charter ordinance shall take effect 60 (sixty) days after its passage and publication subject to the provisions of Section 66.0101, Wisconsin Statutes.

(SEAL) President Terry L. Weld
(SEAL) City Manager Stephanie A. Hirsch
(ATTESTED) City Clerk Nicholas L. Koerner

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